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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claims 3, 7, and 9 for corresponding claims 3, 7, and 9 previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (*Amended*) A system according to claim 1, wherein the price information dissemination unit is connected to a second trading system.

7. (*Amended*) A price dissemination unit according to claim 5, further comprising:  
means connected to a second trading system.

9. (*Amended*) A price dissemination unit according to claim 5, wherein the message comprises the following information :

information identifying the unit;  
contract type;  
time during which the contract is valid; and  
price.

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**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

3. (*Amended*) A system according to [any of claims 1 or 2] claim 1, wherein the price information dissemination unit is connected to a second trading system.

7. (*Amended*) A price dissemination unit according to [any of] claim 5 [or 6], further comprising:

[-] means connected to a second trading system.

9. (*Amended*) A price dissemination unit according to [any of claims 5-8] claim 5, wherein the message comprises [comprise] the following information[.] :

[- Information] information identifying the unit;

[-] contract type;

[-] time during which the contract is valid; and

[-] price.